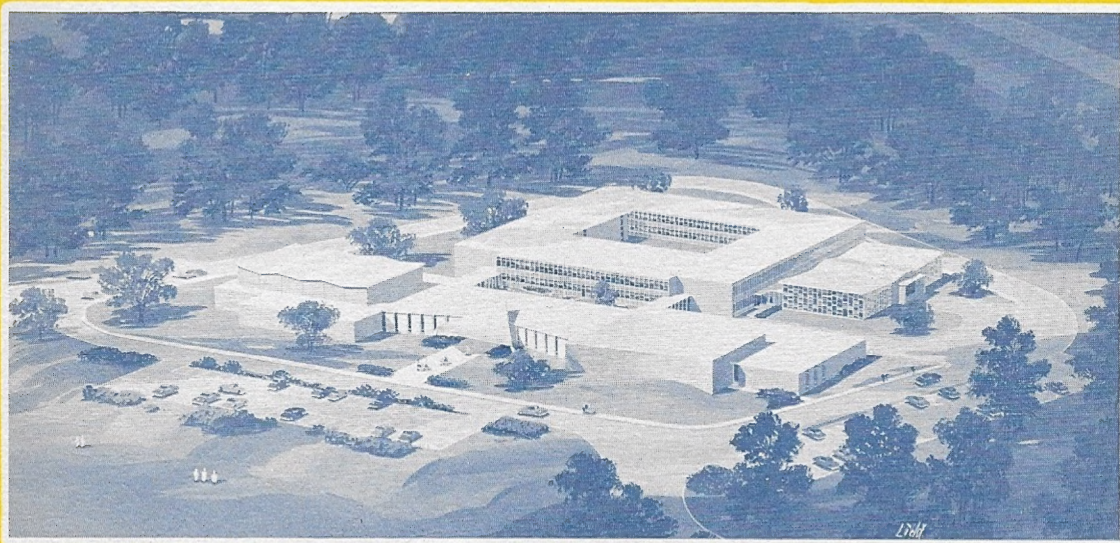


COLONIA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

DEDICATION





Motto: Sic parvis magna
(Thus Great Things From Small)

Colors: BLUE AND GOLD

Mascot: PATRIOT

Yearbook: THE ARCH

Newspaper: DECLARATION

Literary Magazine: THE BARD

Administration 3

Faculty 68

Guidance 4

Nurses 1

Departments 7

Classrooms 67

Cafeterias 2

Maximum Capacity 325

Auditorium 1

Maximum Capacity 850

Gymnasium 3

Maximum Capacity 1200



On December 10, 1964 the voters of Woodbridge Township were presented with the following proposal at the polls:

To construct a new high school on the plot of land owned by the school district and therein situate opposite the southerly terminus of East Street . . . purchase the school furniture and other equipment necessary for said school and improve said plot of land, and to expend therefor not exceeding \$3,800,000.00.

Patrick Boylan, Woodbridge Superintendent of Schools commented:

Increasing enrollments in the senior high schools indicate that a third high school building is necessary by September, 1967 if we are to remain on a full-day schedule. We can, by crowding and using every available space, maintain a single session program until 1967. Beyond that date double sessions will be inevitable.

With these words in mind the people of the township affirmed their desire to maintain single sessions and the plan to construct a new high school in Colonia was accepted.

An architect was engaged, plans approved, construction begun and signs erected directing attention to the site.

No school building can have meaning without the people — staff and students — to give it life. Toward that end Dr. Donald Geddis was engaged as principal in September of 1966. Dr. Geddis came to Woodbridge with a wide range of experience in education. He had been principal of Glassboro High School during the construction of its new high school and participated in the design, construction and staffing of this building. Previous to this experience, tailor-made to the needs of the new Colonia Senior High School, Dr. Geddis acted as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in Summit, New Jersey. He also was a classroom teacher at Union High School and Keyport High School.

From September of 1966 until the opening of the school on September 6, 1967 Dr. Geddis was engaged in the staffing of the new school, drawing up specifications for furniture and equipment and scheduling. With an eye toward orienting new students to a new school, Dr. Geddis met with student groups eliciting their cooperation

in the selection of school colors, school rings and other school matters.

Innovations in courses of study have also been introduced. Several groups of students are involved in an experimental team teaching program designed to make their studies more meaningful. For the first time in Woodbridge Township courses in the Chinese language and non-western cultures are being taught giving the students a *unique* unusual opportunity to widen their horizons.

A pilot program in Fundamentals of Nursing has been introduced to provide a chance for those interested in nursing and allied fields to gain practical experience.

In the special subjects area two fine arts and craft rooms, and home economics (sewing and cooking) rooms, are provided as well as drafting and graphics shops. There are also metal, power mechanics shops, electronics laboratory, and instrumental and vocal music rooms, available with expanded facilities to meet increasing interest.

In the construction, equipping, staffing and curriculum planning at Colonia Senior High School, every effort has been made to provide the best educational opportunity and atmosphere for all its students. It is toward this end that the community and the school must continue to strive.

Because he felt strongly that a library must open on the first day of school, book selection for the Colonia Senior High School was begun early in 1966 with the result that a fully operative library opened with the new school.

From its outside appearance to its course offerings Colonia Senior High School presented a challenge culminating in both an unusual building and an expansion of subject matter taught.

The building in a lovely partially wooded area is handsomely landscaped. It presents nine different roof lines adding to its interesting appearance. The facade includes the use of seven different materials to provide further variety. The spacious lobby entered through its unique arch creates a suitable frame for the dignity of the school. To provide for the handicapped or temporarily injured or ill student the building is equipped with an elevator. Facilities for amplifying music in the corridors and cafeterias are also provided. The library in addition to its early opening and very attractive furniture was planned for complete use, including an adjoining classroom to be used for class reference work. There is a fully equipped publications room enabling students to gain experience in all the aspects of publishing their newspaper, literary magazine and yearbook.





Mr. William J. Bihler
President, Board of Education

This magnificent structure of the finest educational facilities is truly a monument to the citizens of the entire community.

Your recognition of the need for a third high school in Woodbridge Township and your spirited support of the referendum to make Colonia Senior High School possible was indeed a tribute to good and responsible parents and citizens determined to provide our students with the best and necessary educational tools.

We have, in this school, a most modern and up-to-date building, planned and constructed to handle all the present and future needs of our students. The opening of Colonia Senior High School permits the Woodbridge school system to continue to offer programs and curriculum that equal or surpass the very best in the State. In addition, Colonia Senior High School, as all our schools, is staffed with the best trained and most highly qualified administrators, teachers, clerical and maintenance personnel available.

The Board of Education is proud of the opportunity to be part of the planning, construction and staffing of this fine school and equally proud to represent the citizens of Woodbridge Township who, by their unselfish support, so nobly provide this entire community with an outstanding educational system.

We sincerely commend the administrators and staff of this school and of all schools in the entire Woodbridge school system for a job well done.

- #1 Dr. Donald R. Geddis
Principal, Colonia Senior High School
- #2 Mr. Patrick A. Boylan
Superintendent of Schools
- #3 Mr. Thomas G. Desmond
Assistant Superintendent
- #4 Mr. Edward P. Keating
Director of Secondary Education
- #5 Dr. Ralph P. Barone
Mayor
- #6 Mr. Peter Rose
Architect
- #7 Mr. William P. Williams
Vice Principal
- #8 Mr. Thomas J. Bates
Administrative Assistant
- #9 Mr. Donald Jacques
Post Cmdr. V.F.W.
- #10 Mr. Wayne Peck
President, Student Council

Dedication

Presentation of the Colors	Colonia Senior High School Color Guard
National Anthem	Colonia Senior High School Band and Choir
Alma Mater	Colonia Senior High School Band and Concert Choir
Invocation	Rev. Walter Radziwon, Pastor St. John Vianney
Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of Platform Guests	Dr. Donald R. Geddis, Principal
.....	Mr. Patrick A. Boylan, Superintendent of Schools
.....	Mr. William Bihler, President, Woodbridge Township Board of Education



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President, Board of Education
- #2 Mr. Anthony L. Balint
Vice President, Board of Education
- #3 Mr. T. C. Cadwalader
Secretary, Board of Education
- #4 Mr. William F. Brenner
Board of Education
- #5 Mr. Charles S. Famula
Board of Education
- #6 Mr. Angelo Lombardi
Board of Education
- #7 Mr. Donald Macdonald
Board of Education
- #8 Mr. Roy J. Mundy
Board of Education
- #9 Mr. George Rybak
Board of Education
- #10 Mr. Eugene Hornick
Board of Education

Program

Mustang,
Eric Osterling **Marching Band,**
Mr. David Rothfeld, Director

Gaudeamus Igitur,
Brahms

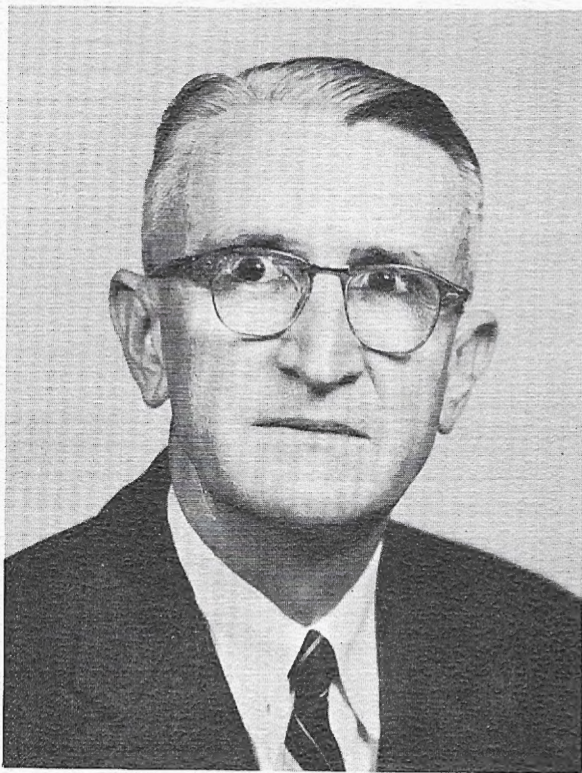
No Man is an Island
Arr: Fred Waring

Concert Choir
Mr. Valentino Di Giorgio,
Director
..... **Dr. Ralph Barone,**
Mayor, Woodbridge Township
..... **Wayne Peck,**
President, Colonia Senior High
School Student Council

Battle Hymn
of the Republic
Benediction

Band and Choir
Rabbi Abraham Horvitz,
Temple Beth Am





Mr. Patrick A. Boylan
Superintendent of Schools

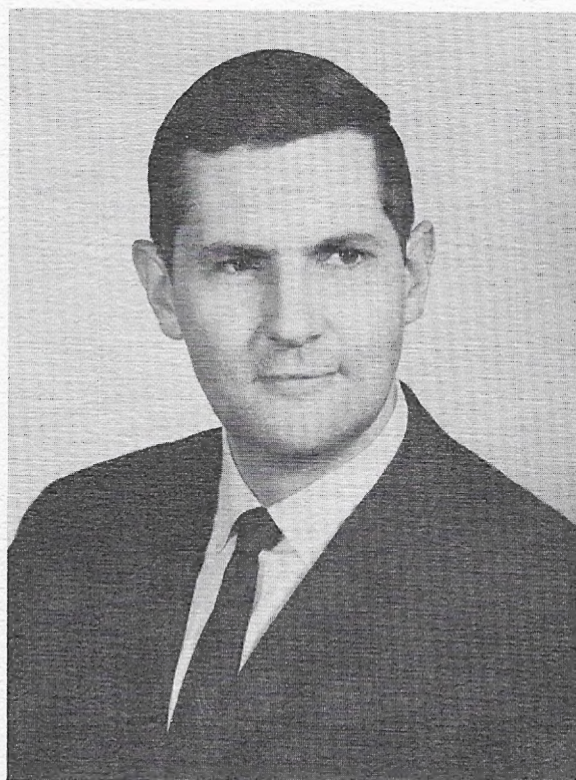
The completion of this senior high school in Colonia represents the culmination of a vast building program that has extended over a period of ten years. The past decade has witnessed the construction of eleven elementary schools, four junior high schools, two senior high schools and numerous school additions. This represents a great deal of brick and mortar and money; more than that, it represents something far more important. It represents the dedication of the people of Woodbridge Township to the service of its youth.

In the dedication of this building, if we see nothing more than the architectural features, we miss the whole purpose. We have provided the physical structure. We must now strive to develop a personality so that within these walls young people may grow in mind and body to take their places as useful members of society.

Dr. Donald R. Geddis
Principal, Colonia Senior High School

In this crucial period of history when the eyes of the world are upon America, when the principles which undergird this way of life and the processes through which democracy operates are being weighed and tested by people everywhere, when the problems that confront democracy are becoming more complicated, and when the decisions that people are called upon to make at the ballot box have greater consequences than ever before, responsibility for keeping democracy working and growing stronger rests especially heavy on the schools. If decisions that people make on common problems are based upon narrow prejudices, emotions, misconceptions, and information that is only partially true, the real spirit of democracy is weakened and the well-being of the nation is placed on shaky ground. But if the decisions made by people are based upon sound information, clear thinking, and the exercise of reason guided by commitment to high purposes, democracy will remain on a firm footing and become stronger.

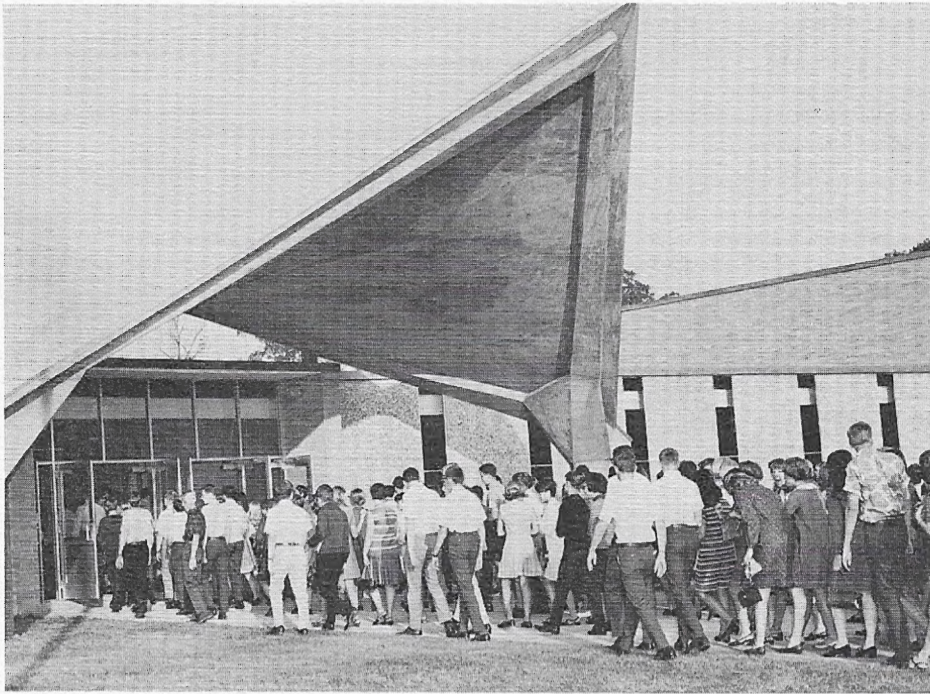
On this day, November 2, 1967, we dedicate not only an edifice but ourselves to teach youth so that adults may act from knowledge.



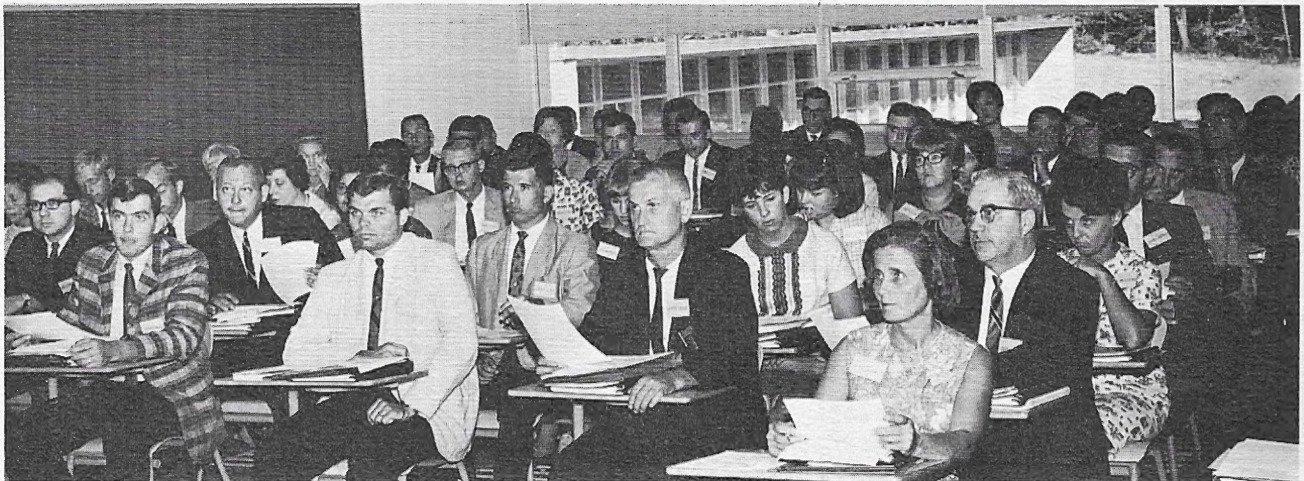
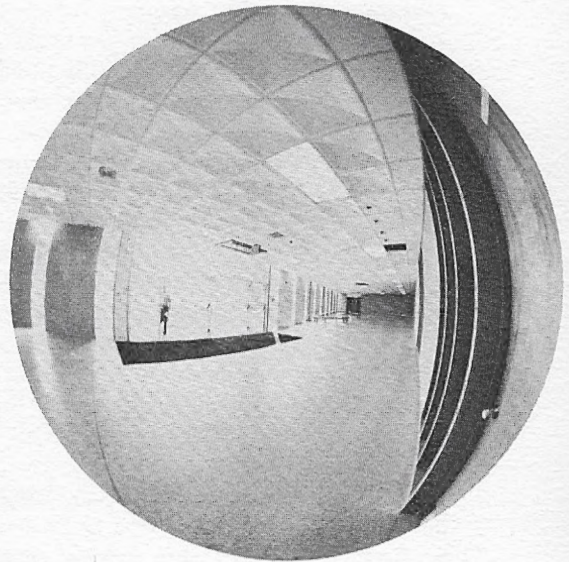
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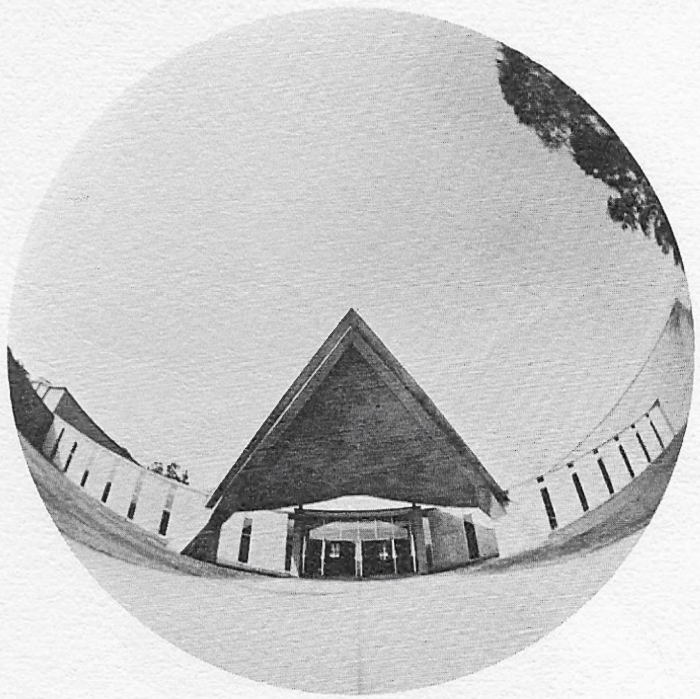
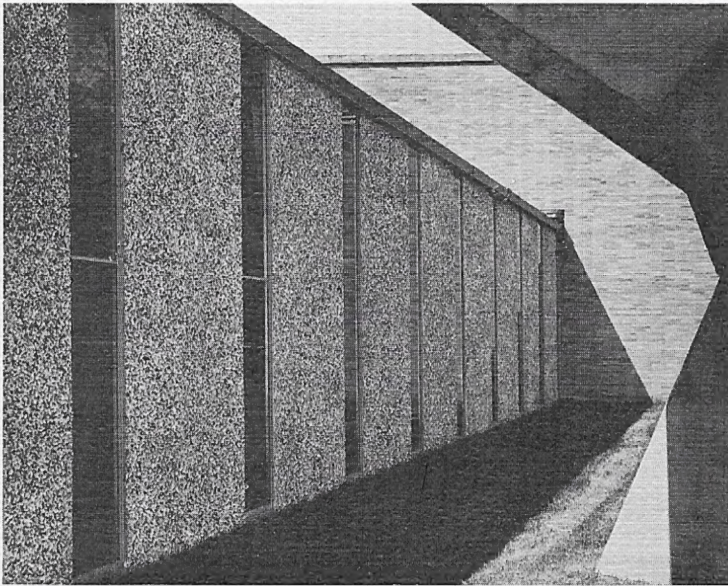
Mr. Thomas J. Bates
Administrative Assistant





Opening Day





ALMA MATER

Music: Mr. D. Rothfeld Lyrics: Mr. V. Di Giorgio

Blue and gold we sing your glory,
Honor, Faith and Loyalty,
We will always be devoted
To your fame and history.
Proudly as we lift our voices
And we raise our colors high,
You will always be our guardian,
Hail our great COLONIA HIGH.

**colonia is here !
and no one could be prouder.**

